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Revered uncle,

I am writing this in connection with my book "Kodavas". You must be aware that in view of the generous grant from the Coorg Education Fund and the Kodava Samaj and the hope of collecting Rs 5000/- from Well wishers I have fixed the price of the book at Rs 10/- only.

In order to collect the Rs 5000/- from well wishers I had selected about 200 names and had sent each a copy of my book with an appeal for their generous help in order to bridge the gap between the actual Cost price and the lowered selling price. I was hoping to collect Rs 5000/- plus Rs 2200/- the Cost of the books inclusive of postage. Though Some of the well wishers have responded generously as could be seen from the enclosed list the net result was not as I hoped to be. Many of them did not send even the Cost of the book!

I have collected in all Rs 5850/- So far from 78 people and that leaves a gap of Rs 1350/- which is rather a big amount for a man of my means to sustain.

In this Connection, I want to let you know that I have sent a Copy of my book to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore on 19.7.67 and requested him to help me if he thought that

that the book merited his help. I don't know whether I have taken too much liberty in doing so. If however you deem it alright I request your kindly to put in a word in favour of my appeal and help me.

The final bill of the printer has not been received so far. It matters little to the present position as there is no chance of the bill (account) coming down rather than going up.

Hope this finds you in good health.

Thanking you

Yours affectionately

Peace

P.S.

I did not include your (name) among the above 200 names in view of the fact that I have derived more benefit and ~~[illegible]~~ help (from you) than any amount of money could ever buy.

Peace